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SUBJECT: HISTORY OF PRE-INDEPENDENCE SOVIET ARMS DELIVERY TO MPLA  
IN ANGOLA

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1. I NOTE INTERNATIONAL PRESS PUBLICITY FOR THESIS THAT  
U.S. PLANS FOR HELPING FNBA AND UNITA PROVOKED THE SOVIET  
UNION INTO ESCALATING ITS ARMS DELIVERY TO THE MPLA IN  
MARCH/APRIL 1975. IT SEEMS TO ME LIKELY THAT  
THE PORTUGUESE, CHINESE AND OTHERS COULD  
ADD TO ALREADY EXISTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE  
OF SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES BEFORE JANUARY 1975.

2. IN REFTTEL, WE REPORTED OBSERVATIONS OF SWEDISH  
OFFICIALS WHO VISITED LUANDA AND MET WITH NETO.  
THAT MESSAGE RECORDS SWEDISH TESTIMONY THAT NETO,  
ALBEIT REGRETFULLY, ACKNOWLEDGED LONG STANDING DEPENDENCE  
ON SOVIET WEAPONS SUPPLY.

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3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH BO HEINEBECK, MFA AFRICAN DESK OFFICER, THE QUESTION OF HOW LONG THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN SUPPLYING THE MPLA IN ANGOLA WITH WEAPONS. HEINEBECK REPLIED THAT WHILE IT IS AN ACCEPTED FACT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ASSISTING THE MPLA FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME, HE COULD NOT SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY WHEN SUCH AID BEGAN. HE SAID IT IS CLEAR THAT DURING THE "LIBERATION MOVEMENT PERIOD" (I.E. PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1975), MOSCOW WAS SENDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA; HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE AID WAS IN THE FORM OF LIGHT WEAPONS APPROPRIATE FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE, RATHER THAN THE KIND OF MASSIVE MILITARY AID IT HAS BEEN RECEIVING SINCE MARCH. (HE SAID THAT THE GOS ACCEPTED THE MARCH DATE AS THE BEGINNING OF THE "MASSIVE INFLOW OF HEAVY WEAPONS").

4. HEINEBECK SAID THAT THE GOS HAD NEVER ASKED THE MPLA EXACTLY WHEN IT HAD STARTED RECEIVING AID FROM THE SOVIETS, OBSERVING THAT TO HAVE DONE SO WOULD HAVE PROVOKED SUSPICIONS TOWARDS THE SWEDES. HOWEVER, THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIETS AND "OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" TO THE "LIBERATION MOVEMENT" DATES BACK AT LEAST TO 1974, ALTHOUGH THE GOS HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT AT SOME POINT IN LATE 1974 AND EARLY 1975 SUCH AID WAS SUSPENDED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD.  
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